

TOWN OF NEWINGTON
SCHOOL CODE COMPLIANCE PROJECT BUILDING COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

March 9, 2011

TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM ONE

- I. Call to Order –Chairperson Woods called the meeting was called to order at 4:31 PM.
- II. Roll Call – Members present: Steve Woods, Chairperson; Myra Cohen, Dave Nagel and Dan Carson. Others present: Mark Welch, Oak Park Architects; Mark Roming, M.R. Roming Associates; Lou Jachimowicz, Business Administrator; and Jeff Baron, Dir. of Administrative Services.
- III. Public Participation - None
- IV. Approval of December 15, 2010 minutes – Mrs. Cohen moved that the minutes of the Committee’s December 15, 2010 meeting be approved as presented. Second by Mr. Carson. The motion passed by a vote of 3 YES to 0 NO, with Mr. Nagel abstaining because he was not present at the meeting.
- V. Review and take action on 2011 plans, specifications and cost estimates – The plans and specifications are completed and ready to be presented to the Bureau of School Facilities. The plans were reviewed with the Committee. The interior items primarily involve the auditorium, fire code issues, and doors. The exterior items primarily involve access to bleachers and ball fields.

Mr. Roming discussed the exterior items with the Committee, including: a pathway to the bleachers for the field hockey field; a path to the bleachers above the soccer fields; access to the practice football field; at the football field the bleachers will be modified and there will be additional ramps; there will be new bleachers on the visitors side of the football field to replace those currently there; the baseball bleachers will be replaced; the baseball dugouts will be removed and replaced with a caged in area with a roof; the ticket booth will be relocated or removed; there will be crossings and walks behind the High School; the softball field will have access to the team benches, and a fence only on the bench side at the bench closest to the tennis courts (no fence on the road side); a ramp will be installed to the

football bleachers; Mr. Roming was asked to include cabling from the press box to a location in front, either in this phase of work or the next; the soccer concession stand will have a walk with a concrete pad; and modification will be made to the soccer bleachers.

Mr. Jachimowicz reminded the Committee that there were still issues that were not addressed in the field house renovation project. He had requested a change order proposal from the field house contractor for the ramp railings and a transition stair from the handicapped parking space. The amount proposed was not acceptable and he is requesting that since these items still need to be done, that they be included in the plans for this project. The other items that were in the plans for the field house project but were not installed according to code, are still waiting to be addressed and will be included in the next phase if they are not addressed prior to that time by the field house contractor, with the matter turned over to the Town Manager to seek the appropriate redress.

Mr. Welch discussed the interior items with the Committee, including: removal of seats in the auditorium and cutting into the two classroom areas of the auditorium, then reintroducing handicapped seating; rebuilding the stairs to the stage; a trench in the floor from the audio visual booth to the rear seats for equipment wiring; fire code work, to include stairwell entrance doors and frames, and 14 strobe units; and ADA compliant signage. Regarding the signage, Mr. Welch was asked to coordinate with staff on the room number assignments.

The estimated cost for all work in this bid package is \$1,015,000, including overhead, profit and soft costs. There will be one bid package, with the bidder asked to name the subcontractors for site work, doors/frames/hardware, and fire alarm installation, and the dollar figures for each.

Mr. Carson made a motion that the School Code Compliance Project Building Committee accept the plans, specifications and cost estimates for the Newington High School Code Compliance project, dated March 7, 2011, as presented by Oak Park Architects, and submit them to the Newington Board of Education, the Bureau of School Facilities and the Newington Town Council for approval and authorization to proceed to bid. Second by Mrs. Cohen. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4 YES to 0 NO.

- VI. Any Other Business Pertinent to the Committee – No solution has been agreed upon with the Bureau of School Facilities for the music area. This work is expected to be out to bid in May. The next meeting

of the Committee will be held when necessary, as determined by construction activity.

- VII. Public Participation – None.
- VIII. Committee response to public participation – None.
- IX. Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Baron

Director of Administrative Services